

beyond belief. The Czar had determined to convoke the Zemsky Sobor, a sort of national assembly that has not met for some two hundred years; but the assassination of his uncle, the Grand Duke Sergius, following so soon after an attempt upon his own life, has made that course more difficult. The strengthening of the autocratic rule, or reign of terror worse than that of the French revolution, would seem to be the alternative before him. High hopes, however, are entertained by the government that the Czar's rescript, issued on March 4th, promising to call a representative assembly, will quiet the people and check the revolution.

The Grand Duke Sergius was the head of the war party in Russia. His widow is the Princess Elizabeth, a granddaughter of the late Queen Victoria, and a sister of the Czarina.

Reinforcements and supplies have been going forward for the Russian fleet in the Indian ocean. Just where and when it will meet the fleet of Japan is, of course, unknown; but it will probably cross the ocean soon, if the war is to be continued, as the stormy season is approaching.

By his action in respect to Santo Domingo, President Roosevelt admits that there is a reverse side to the Munroe Doctrine, and that it is the duty of the United States to interfere in the affairs of misgoverned American states, if they object to other nations doing so. As a result, in South American countries, just at present, there is less dread of European aggression than of North American aggression.

The city of Buenos Ayres has now a population of more than a million, and is growing faster than either New York, London or Paris. It is the commercial metropolis, not only of the Argentine Republic, but of all the southern part of the continent east of the Andes. New railways centering at Buenos Ayres are opening up fertile plains that as a wheat producing country are Canada's only rival.

#### SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

A bill designed to protect teachers in public schools from threats and abuse by parents or others during school hours has passed the Nova Scotia House of Assembly and will soon become law. It provides that a person who, in the presence of pupils, uses profane, threatening, abusive language, or speaks or acts in such a way as to impair the discipline of the school, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than five, or more than twenty dollars, or, in the alternative, imprisonment.

The New Brunswick Sunday-school Association announces that a "Tour," similar in many respects to that of last year, will be made through the province during the coming summer.

We are indebted to Dr. G. M. Duncan, of Bathurst, N. B., for a copy of the annual report of the school board of Glasgow, Scotland,—an interesting document.

A noted educational event of the past month was the opening of the Provincial Agricultural College at Truro, N. S., on the 14th. There were present prominent men

from all parts of the province, and many excellent addresses were given on agricultural education. It is felt that Mr. Cummings, principal of the college, has the qualities and training to make it a success and a prime factor in the industrial progress of the country. The college has 44 students from Nova Scotia, 6 from New Brunswick and 9 from P. E. Island.

Mr. E. Brydone-Jack has resigned the professorship of engineering in the University of New Brunswick to accept a similar position at Roanoke, Virginia. No successor will probably be appointed until the beginning of another college year. By a re-arrangement of classes and work under competent instructors the university authorities have satisfactorily settled what seemed to be an awkward difficulty—the resignation of a professor in the midst of his year's work.

Mr. Louis Brehaut, B.A., has been selected as the Rhodes scholar this year from Prince Edward Island. He is in his twenty-fourth year, has a brilliant record as a student. He won a county scholarship, entering Prince of Wales College. He attended two years and graduated with the honor diploma, and the Anderson gold medal for the highest standing. After some time spent in teaching, he entered Dalhousie University, where he won a very valuable scholarship, specialized in Greek and English, and graduated in 1904 with honors in these subjects, winning the university gold medal.

The faculty of Acadia University has elected Roy Elliott Bates, of the class of 1904, to the coveted honor of Rhodes scholar for Nova Scotia. He is twenty-one years of age, a son of Rev. W. E. Bates, and a young man of excellent moral character, high literary and scholarly attainments, and prominent as an athlete. During the present college year he has been pursuing post-graduate studies at Harvard.

The authorities of Kings College, Windsor, are very enthusiastic over the prospects of the new engineering school at Sydney. Professor Dahl is now holding evening classes in mechanical drawing and machine design at Sydney, and in mining at Glace Bay, with an attendance of about 130 students.

#### RECENT BOOKS.

**BUILDERS OF THE DOMINION: Men of the East.** By Emily P. Weaver, author of a Canadian History for Boys and Girls. Cloth. Pages 116. Price 35 cents. Copp, Clark & Co., Ltd., Toronto.

In this little volume Miss Weaver has given sketches of twenty-one notable "Men of the East," beginning with the Cabots and ending with Sir William Dawson. The stories of the lives of these men are written in simple language, and the book is an excellent one for school libraries and for supplementary reading.

**A LITTLE BROTHER TO THE BEAR, and other Animal Stories.** By William J. Long. Cloth. Pages 178. Ginn & Co., Boston.

Mr. Long is credited with seeing more wonderful things in the woods than any other man, but his stories have a perennial freshness and interest about them which have delighted many readers.